



St. James Lutheran Church
2040 Oakwood Ave NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49505

+++++

Office: 616-363-7718
Email: office@stjamesgr.com
Website: www.stjamesgr.com
Facebook: www.facebook.com/stjamesgr
Online Giving: www.stjamesgr.com/give.

+++++

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Glenn E. Schaeffer
glenn.schaeffer@stjamesgr.com

**The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 8, 2023**

Matins (p 219)

The Preservice Music, the Call to Worship, & Welcome

Common Versicles *LSB 219*

Antiphon (Common) *LSB 220*

Venite *LSB 220*

Antiphon (Common) *LSB 221*

Hymn: 565 “Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ”

The Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 5:1-7*

L A reading from Isaiah, chapter 5.

¹Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. ²He dug it and cleared it of
stones and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it,
and hewed out a wine vat in it; and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded
wild grapes. ³And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge
between me and my vineyard. ⁴What more was there to do for my vineyard, that
I have not done in it? When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild
grapes? ⁵And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its
hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be
trampled down. ⁶I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and briers
and thorns shall grow up; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain
upon it. ⁷For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men
of Judah are his pleasant planting; and he looked for justice, but behold,
bloodshed; for righteousness, but behold, an outcry!

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

The Epistle Reading

Philippians 3:4b-14

L A reading from Philippians, chapter 3.

If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness, under the law blameless. ⁷But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith — ¹⁰that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹²Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Hymn: Jesus, Name Above All Names (AGPS 145)

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 21:33-46

P A reading from Matthew, chapter 21.

³³[Jesus said:] “Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. ³⁴When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. ³⁵And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. ³⁷Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.’ ³⁹And they took him and threw him out of

the vineyard and killed him. ⁴⁰When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" ⁴¹They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons." ⁴²Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: "'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes'?" ⁴³Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. ⁴⁴And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him." ⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Responsory

LSB 221

Hymn: 753 "All for Christ I Have Forsaken"

Sermon (During the sermon, children who are ages 3 through grade 2 are invited to participate in KIDZ Time. Children can make their way to the back of the sanctuary where the KIDZ Time teacher is waiting. The children will return to the service following the sermon.)

Offering (Please sign the burgundy Friendship booklet and pass it to other people sitting in your pew. When completed, pass it back to the center aisle and be sure to greet the people next to you! Those sitting by the center aisle: please tear off the completed sheet and place it on the pew. Thank you!)

Te Deum

LSB 223

Kyrie

LSB 227

The General Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

A Hymn: His Mercy is More (Boswell/Papa)

Verse 1

What love could remember no wrongs we have done
Omniscient all knowing He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

Chorus

Praise the Lord His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness new every morn
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

Verse 2

What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What Father so tender is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest the vilest the poor
Our sins they are many His mercy is more (Chorus)

Verse 3

What riches of kindness He lavished on us
His blood was the payment His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many His mercy is more (Chorus)

CCLI Song # 7065053
Matt Boswell | Matt Papa
© 2016 Getty Music Hymns and Songs (Admin. by Music Services, Inc.)
Getty Music Publishing (Admin. by Music Services, Inc.)
Love Your Enemies Publishing (Admin. by Music Services, Inc.)
Messenger Hymns (Admin. by Music Services, Inc.)
For use solely with the SongSelect®. Terms of Use. All rights reserved. www.ccli.com
CCLI License # 20021974

Collect for Grace

Benedicamus

LSB 228

Benediction

LSB 228

The Closing Hymn: 544 “O Love, How Deep”

Acknowledgments

Matins from Lutheran Service Book
Unless otherwise indicated, Scripture quotations are from the ESV® Bible (The Holy Bible, English Standard Version®), copyright © 2001 by Crossway, a publishing ministry of Good News Publishers. Used by permission. All rights reserved.
Created by Lutheran Service Builder © 2023 Concordia Publishing House.

This Week at St. James

Today (10/8) Gizmo on FB – 8:00 AM
Worship Service – 9:30 AM
Bible Study – 11:00 AM
Knit/Crochet – 10:45 AM
F.I.F. Meeting -11:00 AM

Monday (10/9) **Communion Service** - 6:30 PM
Wednesday (10/11) Darrell Bible Study - 10:00 AM
Thursday (10/12) 2nd Best Sale Starts - 9:00 AM
Adult Bells - 6:00 PM
Adult Choir - 7:15 PM
Friday (10/13) 2nd Best Sale - 9:00 AM
Saturday (10/14) Men's Breakfast - 8:30 AM
2nd Best Sale - 9:00 AM
Sunday (10/15) Gizmo on FB - 8:00 AM
Communion Service - 9:30 AM
Bible Study - 11:00 AM

Looking Ahead

Serving Today (10/8)

Officiant Pastor Glenn Schaeffer
Lector Carol Bifulco
Organist Beth McKay
Deacon(s) Bryan Ensing
Ushers Jim McKay / Walt & Karen Kryzanowski
Video/Sound/Recording Nathan Urbanski/John & Marjie Weiss
October Altar Guild Butler Family
KidzTime Sandra Schaeffer

Serving Next Sunday (10/15)

Lector Cindy McAuliffe
Organist Beth McKay
Deacon(s) David Hood / Bryan Ensing
Ushers Dale and Grace Rosema
Video/Sound/Recording Nathan Urbanski/John & Marjie Weiss
October Altar Guild Butler Family
KidzTime Cindy McAuliffe

Financial Discipleship: October 1 & 2, 2023

General Fund	\$6,267.00
<i>Needed each week for budget \$5,769.00 (+\$498.00)</i>	
Building Fund	\$75.00
Tessaro Ministry (Nigeria Mission)	\$50.00
Memorials	\$295.00
<u>Tuition Assistance Program</u>	<u>\$400.00</u>
TOTAL Contributions	\$7,087.00

Announcements

2nd Best Sale: VOLUNTEERS are needed today to set up tables and sort the items for the sale. Volunteers are also needed on Monday and Tuesday for sorting and pricing. They are also needed for Thursday through Saturday to assist customers and clean-up on Saturday. It's a great time to get to know each other and help support our Youth and Church functions. Work for an hour or enjoy the 9-4 day with everyone. A sign-up sheet will be at the entrance to the office. If you have any questions, please see Walt Kryzanowski or Dale Rosema (**October 12th - 14th is the sale**) (**Thursday, 9:00am-4:00pm**) (**Friday, 9:00am-4:00pm**) (**Saturday, 9:00am-12:00pm**)

Calling all bakers: Would you like to help raise funds for "Having a Heart for Africa" - our project that supports single moms and their babies in Rwanda, while at the same time giving a treat to our Creston neighbors? If so, bring some baked goods to the church for the Second-Best Sale which is scheduled for October 12th-15th. Place two or three cookies or squares in a Ziplock bag or on a wrapped plate. Feel free to bring a dozen or more to the church on the days leading up to the sale. Thank you for your servant hearts!

Newsletter: A paper copy of the newsletter is on the table in the lobby. Thank you to every one that sent information in.

Harvest Dinner and Bake Sale: Messiah Lutheran Parish Service Guild is hosting a harvest dinner and bake sale on Sunday, October 15th, 2023 starting at 12 noon. Adults: \$8.00; Children 6-12: \$4.00 and Children 5 and under are Free. The dinner will include roast pork and gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, butternut squash,

homemade applesauce, fresh cranberry sauce, dinner roll variety, and homemade desserts. Coffee, hot tea, water and punch will be available as well. ADVANCE RESERVATIONS REQUIRED. You may choose Dine In or Take Out. Please contact Sherry Troutwine at 616-901-4526, troutwis99@gmail.com or Barb Brinkman at 616-866-0093, barbarabrinkman@comcast.net to place your reservations.

ISJ Fundraiser: Please join us on Thursday, October 19th from 4pm-8pm at Qdoba on 5150 Northland Drive NE Grand Rapids, MI 49525. 25% of the sales will be given to ISJ. Please pick up a poster on the table in the Narthex.

Trunks Of Treats: " Don't let candy prices SCARE you!! Our visitors are looking forward to our annual Trunks of Treats outreach, so if you're on the fence (ouch!) about participating on Saturday, October 28th, *don't be afraid!* 1) Buy smaller candy OR 2) purchase a fun/ useful/ cute option OR 3) sign up for one of the other areas we need covered from 2:30-4:00. Check out the sheets next to the office or connect with Cindy McAuliffe -- **she won't bite!**"

Dorcas October Lunch: Women of St James are invited to gather at Russ' on Alpine Ave. for lunch. We will meet at 12:30 on Thursday, October 19th. Our devotion time will focus on prayer and you are invited to bring your thoughts of thanks and concerns that you wish to offer to our Lord in prayer. Please contact Rachel Palmer (616-883-6949 or at palmerrm@comcast.net) to reserve your spot.

Men's Breakfast & Bible Study: Saturday, October 14th at 8:30 a.m. All men are welcome to join us! RSVP to Pastor at glenn.schaeffer@stjamesgr.com.

A New Four Week Bible Study Will Begin October 29th!

An integral part of our stewardship emphasis, **Stewards Living with Purpose**, is a four week Bible study. The first of four studies will begin on Sunday, October 29th. The Bible study is entitled, "**Do All to the Glory of God**" -- "*So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God*" (1 Corinthians 10:31). In all we do, we should strive to



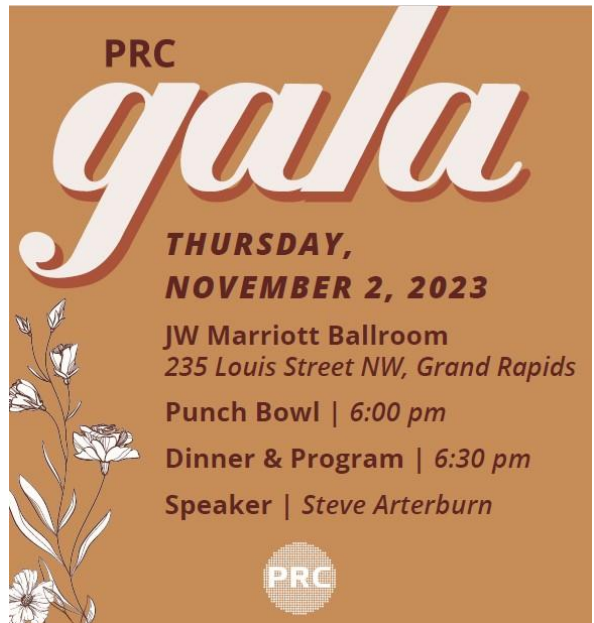
give God the glory that He deserves. With the help of the Holy Spirit, we can live lives that seek to please and honor the Lord. As people of faith, our purpose is not to live for ourselves but for Jesus.

The other Bible studies in this discipleship emphasis are:

- Be My Witnesses (November 5)
- Serve One Another (November 12)
- Be Generous in Every Way (November 19)

- **Pastor and Sandra Invite You to the PRC Gala!**

- Pastor Schaeffer and Sandra have reserved a table at the Pregnancy Resource Center Gala that will take place Thursday, November 2 at the JW Marriott Ballroom.
- The guest speaker will be Steve Arterburn, the founder and chairman of New Life Ministries and host of the #1 nationally syndicated Christian counseling talk show “New Life Live”
- The Gala meal is complimentary (business formal attire) but it is a fundraiser which means that there will be an opportunity for you to make a financial contribution will be extended.
- The evening begins at 6:00 p.m. with a Punch Bowl. Dinner is served at 6:30 p.m. with the program following the meal.



- Please let Pastor and/or Sandra know if you would like to join them for this Gala **by Wednesday, October 11** as they must reserve a table by October 13.
- Pastor Glenn E. Schaeffer
- St. James Lutheran Church (GROW-GO-GATHER)
- <https://www.stjamesgr.com/>